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## CHURCHILL DOWNS CONNECTIONS RECORD SIX BREEDERS' CUP VICTORIES

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020)** – It was a monumental weekend for horses based at Churchill Downs and its training center Trackside Louisville as they accounted for six of 14 victories at the 37th Breeders' Cup World Championships.

"It was pretty surreal," said trainer **Brad Cox**, who won four Breeders' Cup races including the \$2 million Distaff (GI) with **Monomoy Girl**. "We had an amazing weekend and could not have done it without our staff and owners."

Three of Cox's four winners – Aunt Pearl (Juvenile Fillies Turf), Essential Quality (Juvenile) and Knicks Go (Dirt Mile) returned to Churchill Downs on Sunday morning. The fourth winner, 5-year-old champion mare Monomoy Girl, vanned from Keeneland to the Fasig-Tipton sales grounds and is scheduled to be sold Sunday night.

"We don't know what the future will hold but it'll be exciting regardless," Cox said. "She's a once in a lifetime horse. I owe her owners a ton of credit for having this mare come back to the races after having several setbacks. ... I sort of viewed this year as her 4-year-old campaign and she proved she's better than ever."

Also back on the grounds is \$2 million Breeders' Cup Sprint (GI) winner Whitmore. The wily 7-year-old gelding pulled an 18-1 upset in the six-furlong Sprint under Irad Ortiz Jr. for owners Bob LaPenta, Head of Plains Partners and trainer Ron Moquett's Southern Spring Stables.

"I can't begin to say how proud I am of this horse," said Moquett, who stood proudly outside Whitmore's stall Sunday morning. "It takes a village to win a race like this and he had an entire team to get him there."

Also recording a victory at the Breeders' Cup was **Three Diamonds Farm**'s **Fire At Will**, who is based at Trackside Louisville for trainer **Mike Maker**. Fire At Will stormed home to a 30-1 upset score in the \$1 million Juvenile Turf (GI) under jockey **Ricardo Santana Jr**.

Jockey **Florent Geroux** had a Breeders' Cup double aboard Aunt Pearl and Monomoy Girl. The 34-year-old rider now has six Breeders' Cup victories in his young career.

"It was a really good weekend," Geroux said. "A lot of people were behind both of these horses and I'm very happy for all of them and thankful they gave me the opportunities."

In total, 41 horses who were based at Churchill Downs made starts at the Breeders' Cup. They had a record of 6-1-5. Below is the full list of runners and their result:

| Horse             | Jockey              | Trainer      | Race                  | Result |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Aunt Pearl        | Florent Geroux      | Brad Cox     | Juvenile Fillies Turf | 1      |
| Essential Quality | Luis Saez           | Brad Cox     | Juvenile              | 1      |
| Fire At Will      | Ricardo Santana Jr. | Mike Maker   | Juvenile Turf         | 1      |
| Knicks Go         | Joel Rosario        | Brad Cox     | Dirt Mile             | 1      |
| Monomoy Girl      | Florent Geroux      | Brad Cox     | Distaff               | 1      |
| Whitmore          | Irad Ortiz Jr.      | Ron Moquett  | Sprint                | 1      |
| Serengeti Empress | Luis Saez           | Tom Amoss    | Filly & Mare Sprint   | 2      |
| Bell's the One    | Corey Lanerie       | Neil Pessin  | Filly & Mare Sprint   | 3      |
| Girl Daddy        | Joe Talamo          | Dale Romans  | Juvenile Fillies      | 3      |
| Global Campaign   | Javier Castellano   | Stan Hough   | Classic               | 3      |
| Harvey's Lil Goil | Junior Alvarado     | Bill Mott    | Filly & Mare Turf     | 3      |
| Sconsin           | James Graham        | Greg Foley   | Filly & Mare Sprint   | 4      |
| Simply Ravishing  | Luis Saez           | Kenny McPeek | Juvenile Fillies      | 4      |

| Horse              | Jockey              | Trainer         | Race                  | Result |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Got Stormy         | Tyler Gaffalione    | Mark Casse      | Turf Sprint           | 5      |
| Manny Wah          | Tyler Gaffalione    | Wayne Catalano  | Sprint                | 5      |
| Owendale           | Florent Geroux      | Brad Cox        | Dirt Mile             | 5      |
| Arklow             | Florent Geroux      | Brad Cox        | Turf                  | 6      |
| Crazy Beautiful    | Brian Hernandez Jr. | Kenny McPeek    | Juvenile Fillies      | 6      |
| Mr Freeze          | Manny Franco        | Dale Romans     | Dirt Mile             | 6      |
| Spanish Loveaffair | Tyler Gaffalione    | Mark Casse      | Juvenile Fillies Turf | 6      |
| Hog Creek Hustle   | Corey Lanerie       | Vickie Foley    | Sprint                | 7      |
| King Fury          | Brian Hernandez Jr. | Kenny McPeek    | Juvenile              | 7      |
| Sally's Curlin     | Brian Hernandez Jr. | Dale Romans     | Filly & Mare Sprint   | 7      |
| Swiss Skydiver     | Robby Albarado      | Kenny McPeek    | Distaff               | 7      |
| Title Ready        | Corey Lanerie       | Dallas Stewart  | Classic               | 7      |
| Art Collector      | Brian Hernandez Jr. | Tommy Drury     | Dirt Mile             | 8      |
| By My Standards    | Gabriel Saez        | Bret Calhoun    | Classic               | 8      |
| Factor This        | Florent Geroux      | Brad Cox        | Mile                  | 8      |
| Lasting Legacy     | Brian Hernandez Jr. | Bob Hess Jr.    | Sprint                | 9      |
| Sittin On Go       | Corey Lanerie       | Dale Romans     | Juvenile              | 9      |
| Tom's d'Etat       | Joel Rosario        | Al Stall Jr.    | Classic               | 9      |
| War of Will        | Tyler Gaffalione    | Mark Casse      | Dirt Mile             | 9      |
| Lady Kate          | Tyler Gaffalione    | Eddie Kenneally | Distaff               | 10     |
| Silver Dust        | Adam Beschizza      | Bret Calhoun    | Dirt Mile             | 10     |
| Mr. Money          | Gabriel Saez        | Bret Calhoun    | Dirt Mile             | 11     |
| Texas Wedge        | Florent Geroux      | Peter Miller    | Turf Sprint           | 11     |
| Camp Hope          | Robby Albarado      | Kenny McPeek    | Juvenile              | 12     |
| Casa Creed         | Junior Alvarado     | Bill Mott       | Mile                  | 12     |
| Pirate's Punch     | Juan Vargas Jr.     | Grant Forster   | Dirt Mile             | 12     |
| Abarta             | Umberto Rispoli     | Brad Cox        | Juvenile Turf         | 13     |
| Just Might         | Colby Hernandez     | Michelle Lovell | Turf Sprint           | 14     |

**STAKES PROBABLES** – Saturday's 11-race program at Churchill Downs will feature the 30<sup>th</sup> running of the \$200,000 Mrs. Revere (Grade II) for 3-year-old fillies on the Matt Winn Turf Course. Entries for the 1 1/16-mile event will be taken Wednesday and so far the following horses are expected to enter, according to Churchill Downs assistant racing secretary and stakes coordinator **Dan Bork**: **Hendy Woods** (trainer Mark Casse); **Positive Danger** (Anthony Granitz) and **Tamahere** (Chad Brown).

CHURCHILL DOWNS TO PARTNER WITH NYRA FOR CROSS COUNTRY PICK 5 ON SUNDAY – Churchill Downs has once again partnered with the New York Racing Association for a Cross Country Pick 5 on Sunday that includes three races from Churchill and two from Aqueduct.

The race order and approximate post times (all times eastern):

Leg A: Churchill Race 4 (2:30 p.m.)

Leg B: Aqueduct Race 7 (2:45 p.m.)

Leg C: Churchill Race 5 (3:03 p.m.)

Leg D: Churchill Race 6 (3:36 p.m.)

Leg E: Aqueduct Race 9 (3:47 p.m.)

The 50-cent minimum wager has a 15% takeout and can be placed at simulcast centers and ADWs including TwinSpires.com.

**DOWN THE STRETCH** – There was an \$81,671 carryover in Sunday's 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot that spanned Races 5-10. First post was 1 p.m. ... Racing will continue for a five-day week Wednesday-Sunday with a daily first post of 1 p.m. ... For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <a href="https://www.churchilldowns.com">www.churchilldowns.com</a>.